

June 4, 2001

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Dear «Title» «Last_Name»:

Please allow me this opportunity to thank you and your fellow ministers on your visionary concept of utilizing a website to attract our best and brightest young Mississippians back to our state.

Out-migration of our young people is a serious problem for Mississippi. I have recently spoken with Dr. Mabel Murphree, Director of the Appalachian Regional Office in Tupelo about her interactions with Mayor Larry Otis and Mr. Mike Clayborne of the CREATE Foundation. They have brought your concerns and efforts to my attention along with ways to make your goals become a reality.

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am proud to inform you that I will be providing Six Thousand Dollars for this project through the ARC mini-grant program. Using a website to inform former Mississippians of the exciting times ahead for Mississippi and the economic opportunities available to them in our state is an innovative and interactive way to entice these individuals to consider moving back to Mississippi.

I commend you for your efforts to make Mississippi America's State of Promise and I look forward to hearing from you about the progress of this project. If either my staff or I may assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My best to you and your fellow ministers as you start this exciting endeavor.

Very truly yours,

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